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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. _____

Introduced by: Budak

A RESOLUTION honoring Connie Van Slyke.

*Whereas, Connie Van Slyke is the mother of two daughters
and a grandmother of five;*

*Whereas, As a mother and grandmother, Connie Van Slyke
is well aware of the need to protect our children;*

*Whereas, Connie Van Slyke began working for the Division
of Family and Children, Child Protection Services, in Porter
County in January 1991;*

*Whereas, Connie Van Slyke transferred to LaPorte County
in October 1991 and, during her more than 14 years as a
family case manager, has worked with all LaPorte County law*

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enforcement agencies, investigating over 2,800 cases involving physical and sexual abuse as well as neglect;

Whereas, In addition to her work as a family case manager, Connie Van Slyke has presented at the annual Prevent Child Abuse Indiana "Breaking the Cycle" conference on the importance of teamwork in the investigation of abuse cases. She, as part of a team of law enforcement officials, prosecuting attorney staff, and Child Protective Service investigators, has also attended training in Huntsville, Alabama, during which she helped create investigation teams and protocol for the processing of child abuse cases at the local level;

Whereas, For many years, Connie Van Slyke and her sister conducted the Foster Parent Scope Training that was required for all foster parents in LaPorte County; she also served on the Indiana Commission on Abused and Neglected Children; and

Whereas, Connie Van Slyke has devoted her life to making sure that Indiana's children live in safe and secure homes: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives thanks
- 2 Connie Van Slyke for her years of dedicated service to the children of
- 3 Indiana.
- 4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 5 Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Connie Van
- 6 Slyke and her family.

